

REMARKS

Applicant responds in like numbered paragraphs to Examiner's Office Action mailed August 21, 2003.

1. Examiner is correct to not enter the "page 22, line 4" amended paragraph because it is a typographical duplication.
2. Applicant appreciates the acceptance of the prior corrections, and has made one more red line correction to FIG. 3, wherein the number 3169 has been added to indicate the rear of the housing. Attached hereto is the corrected red line drawing of revised FIG. 3.
3. Claim 66 has been canceled, which Applicant believes is the subject of the incorporation by reference.
4. The numeral "1804" is a groove on the core shown properly on FIG. 21. FIG. 18 does not have the core shown, nor "1804." FIG. 18 was formerly corrected to change original "1804" to corrected "1894," which is a tube. FIG. 20 does not show the tube 1894, and is correct in its labeling of groove "1804."

The newly corrected paragraph page 21, line 20 has corrected the (formerly missed) "1803" to 2003 and "1804" to 1894.

5. Applicant has corrected the page 19, line 8 paragraph to define the filter housing as "31" (not 30) and the rear wall as "3169" (not 31), and as noted above, has added "3169" to FIG. 3.

Also page 21, paragraph starting on line 20 has been corrected as recommended by Examiner.

6. The trivial term "vertically oriented" has been deleted from claims 23, 24, 26, 30, 36, 37, 65, claim 64 is canceled.

The trivial term "pop off" has been deleted from claim 36. Claim 50's means plus function language is supported by statute, 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶6.

No individual member is necessarily labeled a "housing means" because this legal claim language covers all housing in the specification. Claim 64 is canceled, as are claims 67-69.

7. Claims 64, 66, 67, 68, 69 are canceled.

8. Citations of §102, §103.

9, 10 Applicant traverses these arguments at this time (after Final) in order to expedite issuance of the presently allowable claims.

11. Applicant respectfully requests renewed allowance of claims 23-30, 36, 37, 50, 65 (as amended).

12. So noted.

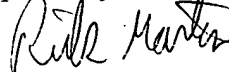
13. So noted.

14. So noted.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass this application to allowance.

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